

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	De Vuyst, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/516,580
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For	:	STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH- MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES
Examiner	:	Fernandez, Susan Emily
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement from the Examiner sent April 13, 2007. Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as shown.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.